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THE ISOLATION
HOSPITAL.

The "News" learned this morning that a petition is being circulated about the city to be presented to the city council, protesting against the erection of an isolation hospital on the General Hospital grounds. Their is little doubt but that the petition will be largely signed and it is to be hoped that the Council will be guided thereby. The location of an isolation hospital in such a central and desirable residential section of the city does not appear to be a wise move. Surely a site can be secured not too far removed from the centre of the city which would be much less objectionable.

ROAD INSPECTION AND
THE VOTERS' LISTS.

According to our evening contemporary, Bob Jennings will walk from Hazelton to Prince Rupert inspecting roads, trails and bridges. Strange how much walking these government employees are doing at a time when walking is not good. As there are no trails of any importance between here and Hazelton, Bob will have to count the ties, "but it is counting that counts" and it will be good exercise for Bob, but he must not forget to carry sufficient registration forms with him. They are as good as a meal ticket to a government employee.

MILITARY
TRAINING

There is a point of view from which the proposal for compulsory military training for everyone may seem reasonable enough. We are all interested in the defence of the country in the preservation of its territorial integrity and of its laws and institutions. Theoretically, of course, we should all be willing to take our part in the work of defence, and therefore we should all prepare ourselves by military training to make the defence effective.

The chief objection seems to be that either universal or compulsory military training would be repugnant to the spirit which has prevailed in Canada during all the years of its development. The people of Canada are a peaceable people seeking to build up a great na-

tion devoted to the arts of peace. The military ideal has never appealed to them very strongly, though in time of stress and need they have shown that they are not deficient in either patriotic or military activity. The ordinary course of their lives is not disturbed by dreams of military glory. They realize that in developing and protecting the land of their inheritance they have all the problems on their hands they can well attend to.

It is sometimes contended that universal and compulsory training is in itself a guarantee against the development of an objectionable spirit of what, for want of a better word, is generally known as militarism. The argument is that in a country where everyone is a soldier the distinction between soldier and citizen would disappear, and there would be room for the development of a military class. All would be soldiers and all would be citizens. The argument is plausible enough; but the experience of some European countries does not bear out the expectation that compulsory and universal training would prevent the development of either a military class or a military spirit.

After all, it is a question for practical consideration. What is the need for universal and compulsory military training in a country like Canada? Against whom is the country called upon to protect itself? It is open to attack on three sides. On two of these sides, the Atlantic and the Pacific, protection to be effective must be by battleship. There remains only the boundary line between Canada and the United States, and it will be difficult to convince the majority of the Canadian people that it will be necessary for them to adopt universal military training as a means of protection against the United States. At any rate, there is less danger of attack from the United States today than there ever was in the history of the relations of the two countries. There has been peace on the border for a hundred years, and we are preparing for a celebration that shall not be merely a monument to the memory of what has been achieved, but an inspiration for the future.

UNGAVA POSSESSES
FABULOUS WEALTH

S. Otisse, Author of Elk Lake Rush in Ontario, Describes Trip to Northeast.

Diamonds, rubies, gold and platinum are four precious minerals which S. Otisse, the man who was the author of the Elk Lake gold rush in Northern Ontario, declares are to be found in Ungava. Mr. Otisse, who is a wealthy mine owner in Northern Ontario already, spent slightly over three months in Ungava last summer, and when seen at the Dominion Hotel yesterday said he was on his way back to Toronto, his home, after a vacation in California with his family, to fit out another expedition which will leave the end of the Grand Trunk early in May. Mr. Otisse was very favorably impressed with Ungava as compared with the California cities which he visited. He is spending a few days here and is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

"I have a sample of sand," said Mr. Otisse, "containing rubies and platinum. Both are infinitesimal in my sample, but there is enough to prove their presence in large quantities in Ungava. Furthermore, before I went I studied the formation in which diamonds are found in South Africa and I found identical formations in Ungava. When I returned I went straight to New York and spent several days comparing my observations with the specimens in the museum there and I know that there are diamonds where I was. I also found samples of gold."

Surpasses All Others

Ungava is the least known part of Canada, for although Mr. Otisse went but 300 miles north of James Bay, a latitude in the west at which large cities exist, he penetrated to places where only two white men had ever been before and one of those has never been heard of since. The country, he said, was all rock and sand and there was a huge mountain range about a hundred miles from Hudson's Bay. The land was of little use for agriculture, but splendid potatoes could be grown in the short season. The timber was very small but in his opinion the mineral wealth surpassed that of any mineral country yet discovered.

"It will be many years before Ungava is opened up however."

he added, "on account of transportation facilities. The Nattawa river and the North Thompson rivers are over 500 miles long and three miles wide in places. Yet the ice never leaves their mouths. I saw half a mile of solid ice six feet thick on the 12th of July at the mouth of the Nattawa river. The rivers are very shallow a little way in from the mouth and are furiously swift. The Nattawa river is for 125 miles as bad as the Niagara gorge. It is white water all the way. I shot one 16-mile rapid in my canoe built specially for the purpose so that the only opening in the top fastens tight up under my arms and leaves only my head and arms in the air. Time and again my canoe went right under the white water and only my head was free, but the canoe always came up and the ballast made it non-capsizable."

—Victoria Colonist.

NEBRASKA'S PLAN TO
HOLD HER PEOPLE

Law Which Will Practically Prohibit Sale of Canadian Land in State.

Lincoln, Neb., March 13.—Canadian emigration from Nebraska and the sale of Canadian lands in this state are both seriously menaced by a "blue sky" bill now before the state legislature with every indication of soon being enacted into law. The bill is not aimed directly at Canadian lands, but its effect will be very detrimental to the sale in Nebraska of lands in any foreign country. The bill has passed its second reading and will be called up for final disposition any day that its author and sponsor gets the attention of the presiding officer. Should the bill become law, every agent offering Canadian lands for sale in this state must first have his land itself examined by a state board. Then after receiving the permission of this board to do business in the state he must pay \$25 for a license and put up a bond of ten thousand dollars.

But his troubles are just beginning then. If the agent says twenty bushels of wheat can be raised on a Canadian farm he sells in Nebraska the farm must make good. If there is drought or for any other reason the twenty bushels per acre are not forthcoming the buyer of the farm can bring suit against the agent and recover damages.

ONTARIO PROPOSES
RACING COMMISSION

Bill to Be Introduced into the Legislature to Control the Sport in the Province.

Toronto, March 13.—To make the ethics of racing higher, place it on a sound, sane and business-like basis, and at the same time conserving the interests of the horse breeding industry in Ontario, is the proposed object of a bill to be introduced in the legislature shortly by A. E. Pratt, M. L. A. for South Norfolk.

Pratt's bill provides for the appointment of a provincial racing commission consisting of five persons, three of whom shall be breeders and raisers of thoroughbred stock and no two of whom shall be members of a racing association, who shall oversee all racing in Ontario. The members of the commission will hold office for a term of four years, and the first commission shall be appointed within twenty days after the act goes into effect.

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